RECEIVED

April 8, 2004



Attorney Docket HAG 111

APR 2 2 2004 In Re Application of 1700 Tsutomu-Shoki I hereby certify that this correspondent is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an Serial No.: 09/052,670 envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box Filed: March 31, 1998 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on X-Ray Mask Blank And X-Ray Mask) Art Unit: 1752 S. Rosasco Examiner: Mail Stop Petitions Commissioner for Patents

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Applicants petition that the abandonment of the above-identified application be withdrawn.

On July 15, 1999, the undersigned filed Amendment A in the above-identified application.

Having received no response to this amendment, the undersigned filed a Status Inquiry on November 14, 2002.

Having still received no response, the undersigned contacted a number of different people in the PTO. The Examiner informed the undersigned that the application had been allowed but had gone abandoned for failure to pay the issue fee.

The undersigned has reviewed his file and the Firm's records and discovered that neither the undersigned nor his firm (as attorneys of record) had ever received a Notice of Allowance or Notice of Abandonment in this application. In fact, we have not even received a response to our prior status inquiry.

Applicants have no intention of abandoning this application. If a Notice of Allowance had been received, the issue fee would have been filed prior to the expiration of the time period for responding. However, no such Notice of Allowance has ever been received for this application.

The undersigned states that upon penalty of perjury, based on knowledge and belief, all of the above statements are true.

Accordingly, it is requested that the abandonment be withdrawn, and a new Notice of Allowance issued and sent to the undersigned at the address indicated below.

Please charge our deposit account 50/1039 for any fee due for this petition.

As this abandonment was not Applicants' fault, a refund of the petition fee is respectfully requested.

Acknowledgment of the active status of this application is respectfully requested.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Apr. 18, 2004

COOK, ALEX, McFARRON, MANZO, CUMMINGS & MEHLER, LTD.

200 West Adams Street Suite 2850

Chicago, Illinois 60606

(312) 236-8500

1

Mark J. Murphy

Registration No. 34,225